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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee held a meeting on March 20, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Ronald Castaldo, PhD, CRNA; Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Mary Diamond, DO; Sandy Elliott, CNM; Richard Henderson, MD; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Leena Paul, MD; Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

ABSENT: Manisha Wadhwa, MD

GUESTS: Jill Englund Jensen, DNP, APRN

PRESIDING: Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

STAFF: Peggy Mack, PhD, APRN, Executive Director - Division of Professional Regulation;
Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Justice (5:52pm)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Henderson moved and Ms. Elliott seconded to approve the minutes; the motion passed by majority with Dr. Castaldo abstaining.

3.0 New Business

3.1. Potential Rules and Regulations Changes for APRNs

The Committee discussed potential changes in the Rules and Regulations for APRNS, such as the definition of a "Licensed Health Care Delivery System" and the removal of dentists as collaborators. The Committee agreed the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

3.2. Applications for Independent Practice

Applications were reviewed for independent practice as advanced practice registered nurses for:

Nina Anderson, APRN, FNP

Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Maria Ash, APRN, NP (Adult/ Gerontological)

Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Dr. Castaldo, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca Barnett, APRN, NP (Adult/ Gerontological)

Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Dr. Castaldo, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Bernadzikowski, APRN, NP (Pediatric)

Dr. Castaldo moved, seconded by Ms. Elliott, to grant independent practice; the motion passed by majority, with Dr. Henderson abstaining.

Leslie Brady, APRN, NP (Adult / Gerontological)

Application reviewed and tabled pending clarification of role and functioning of APRN and collaborator.

Charlie Chaney, APRN, CNS (Psychiatric/Mental Health and Family)

Ms. Cunningham motioned, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Estes, APRN, FNP

Dr. Henderson motioned, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Farina, APRN, FNP

Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Lakeetra Josey, APRN, NP (Psychiatric/Mental Health)

Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Nicole Lachman, APRN, NP (Adult / Gerontological)

Ms. Cunningham motioned, seconded by Dr. Castaldo, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Teresa Matthews, APRN, FNP

Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Rossi Mc Calister, APRN, FNP

Ms. Cunningham motioned, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Cathleen Michalowski, APRN, NP (Women's Health/Gender Related)

Ms. Michalowski's application with W 2's was reviewed. The application is tabled pending review of the form, Verification of Experience and Competency.

Georgia Perdue, APRN, FNP

Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Dr. Henderson, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Odion J. Ologbauma, NP (Adult/Gerontological)

Mr. Ologbauma's application with W 2's was reviewed. The application is tabled pending review of the form, Verification of Experience and Competency.

Candace Sandal, FNP

Ms. Sandal's application was tabled, pending clarification of role and population foci.

Application Process for Independent Practice

In review of the applications, the APRN Committee discussed clarifications that were needed in the application process. Dr. Castaldo moved, seconded by Ms. Elliott, and passed by majority with abstentions by Ms. Cunningham, Dr. Diamond, and Dr. Paul, that changes are to be made on the collaborator form, a FAQ (frequently asked question) on the Board of Nursing web page, and the application's instruction sheet:

- The collaborator will review the entire form, "Verification of Experience and Competency", rather than complete the entire form;

- The collaborator's license number and specialty will be included on the form, "Review of Verification of Experience and Competency";
- The answer to the FAQ "Who can act as a collaborator with an APRN?" will read as "A collaborator must be a licensed physician or podiatrist or a **DE** health care delivery system."
- The application's instruction sheet will be revised to delete: If you cannot obtain the Verification of Experience and Competency form from previous collaborators, submit your tax form W-2 proving clinical APRN practice employment within the past 5 years."

4.0 Other Business

4.1 APRN FAQs – No other changes to the FAQs were suggested.

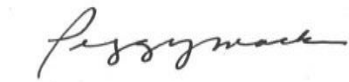
4.2 APRNs granted independent practice licenses will be ratified by the Board of Nursing, as discussed by the Committee and the Deputy Attorney General.

5.0. Public Comment – None

6.0. Next Meeting Date – April 17, 2017

7.0. Adjournment – 6:57 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Mack".

Peggy Mack, PhD, APRN, PMHCNS,
Executive Director, Board of Nursing